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CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a Continuation patent application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b).

1. This application is a Continuation Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53 of pending prior application No. 09/973,958 filed on October 11, 2001 of:

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2. The papers enclosed are as follows:

A new divisional application:

148 Pages of specification including

135 Pages of description

012 Pages of claims

001 Page of abstract

110 Sheets of Drawings (Figures 1A through 49C)

3. Oath or Declaration: A copy of an oath or declaration from a prior application is enclosed under 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d). The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.
4. Assignment: The prior application is assigned of record to Clearant Inc. at Reel/Frame 012432/0029 on January 8, 2002.



5. Small Entity Status was claimed in the prior nonprovisional application and is still proper and desired.
6. Extension of Time in Parent Application No. 09/973,958: For the purposes of maintaining copendency between prior application 09/973,958 and this continuation application, Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time extending the period for response from June 24, 2004 to September 24, 2004, the fee for which is \$475.00 as set out in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a). If Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for an additional extension of time, please consider this a Petition therefor.
7. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. 1.16):

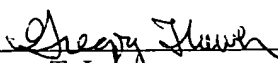
CLAIMS FOR FEE CALCULATION				
	Number Filed	Extra	at Rate of	Basic Fee \$770.00
Total Claims	00 - 20	00	\$ 18.00 each =	+\$00.00
Independent Claims	00 - 3	00	\$ 86.00 each =	+\$00.00
Multiple dependent claims			\$290.00	+\$00.00
Sub-total =				\$00.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity				-\$00.00
Total Filing Fee =				\$00.00

8. Fee Payment: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$475.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0310 for payment of the three-month extension of time fee at the small entity rate in prior application 09/973,958.
- The application filing fee is not being paid by at this time. This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for paying the filing fee.
9. Additional Papers Filed:
- (i) Copy of Declaration
 - (ii) Copy of Supplemental Declaration
 - (iii) Copy of Notice of Acceptance of Power of Attorney
10. Please address all correspondence to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP at Customer No. 009629.
11. **Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be an **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

Please accord this new U.S. Continuation Application a serial number and filing date.

Dated: **September 24, 2004**
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